

REMARKS

Claims 17-50 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 17-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 51-58 have been added. New claims are clearly supported throughout the specification.

Of these new claims, claims 51, 53, and 55 are independent claims. These independent claims *inter alia* and in some variation recite: “upon receipt of a power control command, determining if a significant change in the required transmit power has just occurred; and if the significant change in the required transmit power has just occurred, changing the transmit power according to a change including a corresponding change in the required transmission quality target value, in addition to a change according to said power control command.”

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest at least these unique features of claims 51, 53, and 55. That is, Tiedemann (U.S. 6,137,840) taken alone or in any conceivable combination with Faber '052 (U.S. 6,405,052) do not disclose or suggest the above quoted unique features of claims 51, 53, and 55.

Entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact attorney the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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